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**Subject: MATTACHINE SOCIETY**

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: March 18,  
1954

FROM : [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY;  
ONE, INC.;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(Bureau File 100-403320)

Tolson	✓
Ladd	✓
Nichols	✓
Belmont	✓
Clegg	✓
Glavin	✓
Harbo	✓
Rosen	✓
Tracy	✓
Gearty	✓
Mohr	✓
Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Sizoo	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

The captioned organization is a homosexual group in Los Angeles with membership in other west coast cities. They publish the magazine "One" dealing primarily with homosexuality from the scientific and historical point of view and to promote education and research in the general field of homosexuality. The Bureau opened an investigation in July, 1953, in view of the possibility that this group was Communist controlled or infiltrated. A closing report was submitted by Los Angeles on 12/31/53 when it was found there was no internal security interest. It has been indicated that some military personnel are interested in this organization. Copies of all pertinent reports have been furnished to G-2, ONI, and OSI.

[REDACTED] General Investigative Division, OSI, contacted [REDACTED] of Liaison and suggested the possibility of the Bureau placing a mail cover on the headquarters of this organization in order to develop further information regarding the identity of military personnel who are interested in the group. The OSI interest is based only on the assumption that any military personnel connected with the group would be homosexuals and subject to discharge from the Air Force. Inasmuch as it has been determined by the Bureau that there is no security interest in this group and the Bureau case has been closed, [REDACTED] was advised that the Bureau does not desire to place a mail cover in order to determine the identity of military personnel connected with the group, but that the Bureau has no objection to any investigation conducted by OSI for that purpose.

ACTION:

None. For your information.

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cc - [REDACTED] Room 1704

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TO : Mr. Tolson *Viper*

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT :

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 Belmont ☒  
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 Trotter ☒  
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 Holloman ☒  
 Miss Gandy ☒

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to Senator Wiley, advised me that he was in New York yesterday and he saw in the newsstand a new magazine called "One," that this magazine is published for and by homosexuals and that he was dumbfounded when he saw such a magazine out for public sale. He noticed it had been sent through the mails and he was going to write Postmaster General Summerfield about the use of the mails for dissemination of such a publication. He was quite shocked by it.

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I recall in a recent issue of Confidential Magazine that this publication was written up.

cc. Mr. Boardman  
 Mr. Rosen

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Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
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Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI SAN FRANCISCO 5/4/54 AIRTEL  
DIRECTOR (100-403320) AM

THE MATTACHINE FOUNDATION, INC., AKA THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY, IS - C.  
RE LA AIRTEL TO BUREAU 4/29/54. NO SF INFORMANT HAS KNOWN PLANS TO  
ATTEND SUBJECT ORGANIZATION'S CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN SF 5/15 AND 16.  
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CC LOS ANGELES (100-45888) (AM)

Mr. Belmont

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SAC, Los Angeles (100-45888)

May 7, 1954

Director, FBI (100-403320) - //

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THE MATTACHINE FOUNDATION, INC.,  
also known as The Mattachine Society  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to Los Angeles airtel dated April 29, 1954, advising that the captioned organization will hold a convention in San Francisco, California, May 15 and 16, 1954, and requested the Bureau authorize payment of expenses to a potential confidential informant of the Los Angeles Office to attend this convention in the event the San Francisco Office does not have adequate informant coverage.

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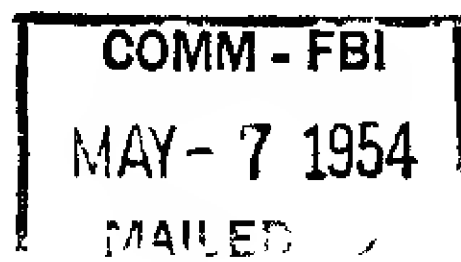
The report of SA [redacted] dated December 31, 1953, at Los Angeles closed this case in view of the lack of Communist infiltration or control of the group.

In view of the circumstances the Bureau does not feel that payment of expenses for a potential confidential informant of the Los Angeles Office to attend this convention is warranted.

2cc - San Francisco (100-37394)

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_

Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Mr. Morgan, 5625

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See Me ☒ Tolson  
For your ☒ Boardman  
☒ Nichols  
☒ Mr. Belmont  
☒ Mr. Glavin  
☒ Mr. Rosen  
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Mr. V. J. [unclear]  
Tele. Rm.  
Mr. H. [unclear]  
Miss Gandy

L. B. Nichols  
Room 5640, Ext. 691

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**United States Senate**

Washington, D. C., April 28, 19 54 *RS!*

*Respectfully referred to*

Lou:

Attached is magazine to which I referred in my phone conversation with you today.

Also attached is a letter which Senator Wiley is sending to the Postmaster General, protesting against this sort of trash moving through the mail.

Please don't bother to acknowledge.

Kindest wishes.



Encl: Magazine  
Letter

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28 April 1954

Honorable Arthur Summerfield  
Postmaster General  
Post Office Department  
Washington, D. C.

Re: The Magazine "One"

Dear Mr. Summerfield:

Perhaps there has already been called to your attention,  
a periodical known as ONE.

I have before me the March, 1954, issue, listed as  
"Volume Two, Number Three."

The sub-title of ONE is "The Homosexual Magazine."

Reference is made in the initial page to mailing of it  
by "regular mail" and by "first class."

The purpose of my letter is to convey the most vigorous  
protest against the use of the United States mails to transmit a  
so-called "magazine" devoted to the advancement of sexual pervers-  
sion.

I believe that you will agree with me that for anyone to  
use government facilities in any way for transmittal of this type  
of vile material:

- a. runs utterly contrary to every moral principle.
- b. runs utterly contrary to our intentions to safe-  
guard our nation's youngsters.
- c. likewise, is the very opposite of the entire  
purpose of our government's security program (And  
to the extent that this periodical increases  
perversion among the general population, it may  
aggravate the problem -- to the extent that it  
may continue to exist among 2 1/2 million government  
workers.

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I would very much appreciate hearing from you on this matter.

I recognize, of course, that the Post Office Department can only do what present law may permit it to do; but it seems to me that if you find present statutory authority is in any way insufficient to cope with this sort of problem, then the time is overdue to perfect the statute.

It seems folly merely to have on the books a law against the transmittal of "obscene literature" and yet to permit moving through the mail of literature whose net effect is just as degrading, if not infinitely more so, than lewd photos or lewd text, as such.

I am sure that with your keen sense of moral principle that you will give this matter your prompt attention.

I may say incidentally that as a former member of the Senate Crime Investigating Committee, I am, of course, still particularly interested in law enforcement problems.

Moreover, as Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, I note that the next to the last page of the March 1954 issue of "ONE" refers to several periodicals published in foreign countries, apparently along much the same lines. I wonder if U. S. mails are open to such objectionable foreign periodicals and if so, why?

with all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Alexander Wiley

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**The Homosexual Magazine**

**one**

**THE  
IMPORTANCE  
OF  
BEING  
DIFFERENT**



**MARCH 1951  
TWENTY-FIVE CENTS**

The front and back of the book “One Homosexual Marriage - The Importance of Being Different” was scanned in. There are 30 pages that were not scanned in.

## THE MATTACHINE AND MAGAZINE EYE TO EYE



In a legal move that can be actually historic, the Mattachine Society has taken on a case in California which challenges the notorious "vaglewd" laws. Most people are unaware that such laws which legislate against "lewdness" are completely unconstitutional because they make it possible to punish a person for a state of being rather than an act. This fact is vitally important to every citizen regardless of sexual preference.



The attorney for the Mattachine directly challenges this legislation with the unanswerable claim that these laws do not state a public offense and are in direct violation of the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. "It is a denial of due process because of the vagueness of the statute and it also violates the equal protection clause because of discriminatory enforcement. It further violates due process in that it punishes a state of being rather than an act which is contrary to all concepts of law and justice."

He went on to point out how the winning of this case will have a national effect. "This extremely unjust law—which has counterparts in every State in the Union—is so loosely drawn that it can quite conceivably encompass every type of activity which might disturb a bigoted policeman. If we can prevail in this case and have the statute declared unconstitutional, similar statutes throughout the country would be open to attack and could also be declared invalid."



The Mattachine fully intends to take this case to the Supreme Court of the United States if necessary. Details of the boldly ambitious undertaking will be in the April issue of ONE. In the meantime, the collection of funds has begun with real success in Los Angeles. Deviants, near-deviants and those who have never thought of deviating but see the viciousness of this law, have come through to help in immense numbers. They know that this case will be just as big as homosexuals want to make it. To raise it from only local significance, will take money. To fight on up to the Supreme Court, will take lots of money.

However, many deviants look at it this way: "Perhaps five dollars now will save me five hundred if and when I'm arrested. It's worth the gamble." A dollar from every fifth homosexual in the U.S. would be enough to fight a hundred cases.

Send your share NOW to THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY, POST OFFICE BOX 1925, MAIN POST OFFICE, LOS ANGELES 53, CALIFORNIA

ONE is with the Mattachine unreservedly on this specific issue.



**one**

**RELIGION  
AND THE HOMOSEXUAL**



JUNE 1954  
TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

The front and back of the book “One Religion and the Homosexual” was scanned in. There are 30 pages that were not scanned in.





...for the Lord  
seeth not as  
man seeth -  
for man  
looketh on the  
outward  
appearance  
but the Lord  
looketh on the  
heart.  
1 Samuel 16:7

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: February 17, 1956

FROM : Mr. R. R. Roach

SUBJECT: ~~ONE, "THE HOMOSEXUAL MAGAZINE~~  
 PUBLISHED BY ONE, INC.  
 232 SOUTH HILL STREET  
 LOS ANGELES 12, CALIFORNIA

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_

Reference is made to memorandum under the same caption, from Mr. Jones to Mr. Nichols of February 10, 1956, advising that an article in the November, 1955, issue of the above periodical alleged that there were homosexuals in "key positions" of the FBI. Among other things, it was recommended that Liaison obtain any pertinent information regarding "One" that might be in possession of the Chief Postal Inspector.

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On February 16, 1956, Chief, Post Office Inspector, D. H. Stevens advised Liaison that the October, 1954, issue of "One" was reviewed by the Post Office Solicitor, as the result of which a letter was directed to One, Inc., the publisher, ordering them to show cause why the publication should not be declared nonmailable. One, Inc, filed an injunction and the matter is presently pending in Federal Court, Los Angeles. Stevens stated that since October, 1954, selected issues of "One" have been reviewed for the purpose of determining whether One, Inc., application for second class mailing privileges should be granted. Second class mailing, which would permit a cheaper postal rate for One, Inc., has not been granted by the Post Office to date. The Post Office file on "One" was made available by Stevens and contains no information in addition to that appearing in referenced memorandum.

Stevens advised that he would have a copy of the November, 1955, issue of "One" obtained and reviewed for any action which the Post Office might be able to take against this publication.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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- 1 - Mr. Nichols
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. M. A. Jones

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SAC, Los Angeles (100-45888)

February 15, 1956

Director, FBI (100-403320)

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"ONE," THE HOMOSEXUAL MAGAZINE  
PUBLISHED BY ONE, INCORPORATED  
232 SOUTH HILL STREET  
LOS ANGELES 12, CALIFORNIA  
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

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Reurair-tel dated February 2, 1956.

The Bureau does not feel that [redacted] should be contacted at present, but that contact with him should be held in abeyance pending an investigation of him. Accordingly, you are instructed to initiate an investigation concerning [redacted] including contacts with confidential sources, informants, the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office. If you deem it advisable, you may conduct neighborhood investigations and contact former employers. For your information, the Identification Division records reflect that one [redacted] with various addresses in Los Angeles, has been fingerprinted by the Los Angeles Police Department as a secondhand dealer, in connection with a traffic violation and in connection with employment by the Aircraft War Production Council, Inc., at 7046 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

You are also instructed to conduct a background investigation concerning William Lambert. No derogatory information could be identified with him in Bufiles. Develop any further information concerning "One" Magazine and One, Inc. Determine how they are financed and whether or not One, Inc., is properly registered to do business in California. Develop any other pertinent information.

Attempt to identify [redacted] If you are in identifying him, determine his residence and employment.

Contact postal authorities regarding the availability of [redacted] and obtain any other available information.

Check your files, confidential sources, the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office concerning the following officials of "One": [redacted] were listed in the November, 1955, issue of "One".

Boardman  
Nichols  
Belmont  
Harbo  
Mohr  
Parsons  
Rosen  
Tamm  
 Sizoo  
Winterrowd  
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Holloman  
Gandy

cc - Mr. Rosen

ATTENTION: [redacted]

cc - Liaison Section

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See Jones to Nichols Memo dated February 10, 1956, captioned "One," The Homosexual Magazine, Published by One, Inc., 232 South Hill Street, Los Angeles 12, California.

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Memo to SAC, Los Angeles

February 15, 1956

NAME	TITLE
Ann Carroll Reid	Managing Editor
Lyn Pedersen	Associate Editor-Research
Robert Gregory	Associate Editor-Fiction
Kay Reynard	Associate Editor-Women's Department
Armando Queson	Associate Editor-International
Donald Webster Cory	Contributing Editor
Iue Elloree	Art Director

See your file 100-30028 concerning [redacted] with aliases, [redacted] This individual may be identical with the [redacted] who is listed as [redacted] of "One."

Bufiles reflect that Donald Webster Cory owns the Cory Book Service at 237 East 56th Street in New York City, New York. He reportedly specializes in books on or about homosexuals. He wrote the book, "The Homosexual in America," under the name of D. W. Cory. He is also known as Daniel Wesley Cory and Edward Sagarin.

No derogatory information could be located in Bufiles identifiable with [redacted]

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You should, of course, afford this matter your personal attention, coordinate all the investigations and submit desired information to the Bureau, Attention Crime Records Section, no later than March 5, 1956.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols *[initials]*

DATE: January 26, 1956

FROM : M. A. Jones *[initials]*SUBJECT: ONE  
THE HOMOSEXUAL MAGAZINE

Tolson *[initials]*  
Boardman *[initials]*  
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Parsons *[initials]*  
Rosen *[initials]*  
Tamm *[initials]*  
Trotter *[initials]*  
Tele. Room *[initials]*  
Holloman *[initials]*  
Gandy *[initials]*

The Bureau has received anonymously a copy of the November, 1955, issue of this magazine. On page 4 and 5 in an article by David L. Freeman, Circulation Manager, it is indicated that "The Tories," one of the three main groups of homosexual society, work for Time Magazine or the New Yorker; they are in the diplomatic service, they occupy key positions with oil companies or the FBI.

The Mattachine Society, publishers of this magazine, is a homosexual group in Los Angeles with membership in other west coast cities. The Bureau opened an investigation in July, 1953, in view of the possibility that this group was communist controlled or infiltrated. A closing report was submitted by Los Angeles on December 31, 1953, when it was found there was no internal security interest. (100-403320)

In view of the nature of this publication, it is believed "One" should not be dignified by a reply to the completely baseless and unfounded writings as noted above.

RECOMMENDATION:

That no reply be made to this magazine.

*[initials]*  
**ENCLOSURE**

*[initials]*  
Copy of magazine  
450 En. - 100

*[initials]*  
I think we should  
take this crowd  
on and make them  
"put up or shut up"

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MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER

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**The Homosexual Magazine**

**one**



**TWENTY-FIVE CENTS**



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P. O. Box 108, Copenhagen K, Denmark.

**VRIENDSCHAP**

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Tele. Room  
Mr. Holloman  
Miss Gandy

"ONE", THE HOMOSEXUAL

TWO THREE TWO SOUTH HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES PAREN/RESEARCH CRIME RECORDS  
ENPAREN. RE LAAIRTEL FEBRUARY ONE, NINETEEN FIFTY-SIX. BECAUSE OF  
INABILITY TO DEVELOP ANY LOGICAL LEADS TO TRUE IDENTITY OR WHEREABOUTS  
OF [REDACTED] CONTACT WITHOUT PRIOR APPOINTMENT WAS HAD TODAY WITH ONLY  
PERSON IN OFFICES OF "ONE" MAGAZINE WHO, ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]  
IS WILLIAM LAMBERT, IDENTIFIED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THIS PERSON REFUSED TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF OR ACKNOWLEDGE  
THAT HE WAS A RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL OF "ONE" NOR WOULD HE FURNISH ANY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING [REDACTED] LAMBERT CONTINUALLY SAID IN ANSWER TO  
QUESTIONS "YOU WILL HAVE TO SEE OUR ATTORNEY". LAMBERT-S ATTENTION WAS  
CALLED TO THE ARTICLE BY FREEMAN IN THE NOVEMBER NINETEEN FIFTY-FIVE  
ISSUE OF "ONE" AND HE WAS SPECIFICALLY ASKED WHETHER HE HAD ANY INFORMA-  
TION THAT THERE WAS ANY ONE EMPLOYED BY THE FBI WHO WAS A HOMOSEXUAL.  
LAMBERT REPLIED [REDACTED] "DO YOU HAVE INFORMATION THAT THERE ARE NONE".  
LAMBERT WAS SPECIFICALLY TOLD THAT THE FBI WOULD NOT TOLERATE ANY SUCH  
BASELESS STATEMENT IN THIS OR ANY OTHER PUBLICATION. LAMBERT REPLIED

END PAGE ONE

Mr. Nichols

Mr. Mohr

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"THAT-S AN INTERESTING STATEMENT". DURING THE ENTIRE INTERVIEW LAMBERT SMIRKED AND SMILED AS IF HE WERE THROUGHLY ENJOYING THE SITUATION AND HAD ANTICIPATED IT. AS AGENTS TURNED TO LEAVE LAMBERT ASKED  "WHAT WOULD YOU GENTLEMEN SAY IF THIS HAD BEEN TAPED". AGENTS REPLIED THAT THEY HAD NO OBJECTION AND LEFT. NO RECORDING EQUIPMENT WAS OBSERVED. THE OFFICE OF "ONE" IS POORLY EQUIPPED WITH USED FURNITURE AND A MINIMUM OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT INDICATING A SHOESTRING OPERATION. IT IS VERY DOUBTFUL THAT THE INTERVIEW WAS RECORDED. THE NAME OF ONE AGENT COPIED DOWN BY LAMBERT FULL SUBSTANCE OF CONVERSATION FOLLOWS BY AIRTEL.

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*cc Mr. Nichols  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson  
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Transmit the following ~~TELETYPE~~ message to:

FBI, LOS ANGELES

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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[REDACTED] "ONE", THE HOMOSEXUAL MAGAZINE,  
232 SOUTH HILL ST., LOS ANGELES (RESEARCH CRIME RECORDS).

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ReBuairtel to L.A. 1/27/56.

Efforts to locate [REDACTED] have met with negative results. This matter is receiving continuous attention, and the Bureau will be immediately advised when [REDACTED] is contacted and interviewed in accordance with instructions in refBuairtel.

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January 27, 1956

AIR-TEL  
SAC, Los Angeles (100-45888)

[REDACTED] "ONE."  
THE HOMOS. XUAL MAGAZINE, 232 SOUTH HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES,  
(RESEARCH CRIME RECORDS).

Bureau has received anonymously a copy of November, 1955, issue of this magazine containing an article "how much do we know about the homosexual male?" by Freeman, Circulation Manager.

Article indicated that "The Tories" composed one of the three main groups of homosexual society, and the article continued "They work for TIME magazine or the NEW YORKER. They are in the diplomatic service; they occupy key positions with oil companies or the FBI (it's true!)."

On basis information available, [REDACTED] not identifiable Bufiles. You are instructed to have two mature and experienced Agents contact [REDACTED] in the immediate future and tell him the Bureau will not countenance such baseless charges appearing in this magazine and for him to either "put up or shut up." Suair-tel results of your contact to reach the Bureau by February 2, 1956.

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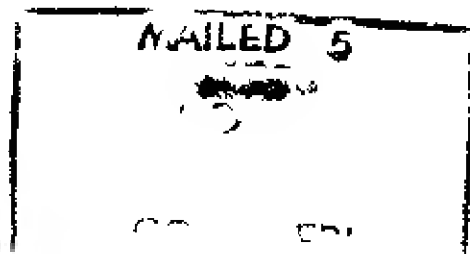
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Office Memorandum • ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols *[initials]*

FROM : Mr. Jones *[initials]*

SUBJECT: "ONE"  
THE HOMOSEXUAL MAGAZINE

DATE: February 7, 1956

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Los Angeles Air-tel February 2, 1956, sets forth results of interview with William Lambert, Chairman of the Board of "One." This interview shows that Lambert is strictly no good, and he left the impression with interviewing Agents that he had either edited or written the article appearing in the November, 1955, issue of this magazine alleging that homosexuals occupied key positions in the FBI.

Lambert was advised in no uncertain terms that the Bureau would not tolerate such baseless statements appearing in this magazine and for him either to put up or shut up. Lambert at one point said, "Our attorney [redacted] of Beverly Hills) has approved everything that goes into the magazine." Los Angeles files on [redacted] of Beverly Hills, California, reflect he has appeared on platforms with Communist Party members, and he has written editorials for a college newspaper defending the American Youth for Democracy (AYD). The AYD has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

In addition, [redacted] was in contact with [redacted] of the Soviet Vice-Consulate in Los Angeles in 1946, and he told him he would see [redacted] later and an automobile registered to [redacted] was observed parked in the vicinity of a CP meeting being held in Los Angeles in 1948. *[initials]*

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In view of the unsavory nature of this entire crowd, it is believed we should not contact [redacted] as it is not beyond the realm of possibility that this outfit, through [redacted] would endeavor to embarrass the Bureau. In any interview with [redacted] we do not have the element of surprise, and, of course, we would necessarily be taking a chance of the interview being recorded. It is noted Lambert had apparently considered taping the interview had with him, however, the Agents were not circumspect, and it is not believed the interview was recorded.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That [redacted] not be contacted because the Bureau stands to lose more than could be gained through such an interview.

*I don't agree I think we should open an investigation on [redacted] and also get a line on Lambert*

(2) That attached letter to Los Angeles go forth instructing no further action be taken.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols ✓

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: ~~"ONE."~~ THE HOMOSEXUAL MAGAZINE  
PUBLISHED BY ONE, INC.  
232 SOUTH HILL STREET  
LOS ANGELES 12, CALIFORNIA

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DATE: February 10, 1956

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Nichols ✓  
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ON 3-7-2003

SYNOPSIS: 971949

The Bureau received anonymously the November, 1955, issue of "One" which reflected an article "How Much Do We Know About the Homosexual Male?" Article alleged there were homosexuals in "key positions" of FBI. Mr. Tolson noted, "I think we should take this crowd on and make them 'put up or shut up.'" The Director noted, "I concur." Los Angeles was instructed to locate [redacted] and interview him. Unable to locate [redacted] Los Angeles interviewed William Lambert, Chairman of the Board of One, Inc., who was sarcastic and refused to furnish information on [redacted]. He advised one [redacted] was attorney for "One." This individual possibly identical with [redacted] Beverly Hills, California. Mr. Tolson noted at this time that we should "open an investigation on [redacted] and also get a line on Lambert."

Bureau investigated the Mattachine Society and One, Inc., 1953, in view of possible communist infiltration or control. Closing report submitted in December, 1953, when it was found no internal security interest involved.

Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter Desk advised that the November, 1955, issue of "One" not of type material which has previously been used as evidence in successful prosecution under this statute. Question of obscenity should be referred to Department for opinion.

Bufiles contain copies of correspondence from Post Office Department to Los Angeles Postmaster indicating "One" should not be refused transmission in mails.

Enclosure *sent 2-17-56*cc - Mr. Rosen  
Attention: [redacted]

Room 5718.

cc - Liaison Section

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Concerning officials of "One," [redacted] and Lambert are not identifiable in Bufiles or Los Angeles indices other than their association with "One." One [redacted] Students for Wallace Committee, 1948; during Wallace campaign appeared on platforms with communists; wrote editorials in University of California, Los Angeles, paper, "Daily Bruin," defending American Youth for Democracy. This organization cited by Attorney General. [redacted] investigated by Los Angeles Police, 1951, and were suspected of taking lewd photographs. Nothing specific in this regard developed. [redacted] in contact with [redacted]

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[redacted] of the Soviet Vice-Consulate, Los Angeles, 1946. [redacted] Car registered to [redacted] parked in vicinity of Communist Party meeting, Los Angeles, 1948. [redacted]

[redacted] of "One," may be identical with individual with same name who was interviewed by Special Agents in Los Angeles, 1954, and admitted Communist Party membership in 1946, 1947 and 1948. He was reportedly expelled from Party in 1948 because he was homosexual. [redacted]

[redacted] of "One," is reportedly a homosexual. [redacted] "The Homosexual in America," and [redacted] of Cory Book Service in New York. No information identifiable with other officials could be located in Bufiles.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the attached communication be sent to Los Angeles advising that office to:

A. Open investigation concerning [redacted] Beverly Hills, California, to develop any further derogatory information concerning him and to determine the extent of his association with "One."

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B. Conduct background investigation regarding Lambert and develop further information concerning "One" and One, Inc. Determine how magazine is financed and if it is properly registered to do business in California.

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C. Attempt to identify and locate

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D. Contact postal authorities concerning the mailability of "One" and obtain pertinent information in possession of Post Office.

E. Check files, confidential sources, informants, Los Angeles Police Department, and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office regarding other officials of "One."

2. Liaison Section at Bureau should contact Chief Postal Inspector for pertinent information regarding "One," including mailability.

3. Consideration should be given to referring the November, 1955, issue of "One" to Department for its opinion concerning the obscenity of this issue.

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LOS Angeles 2/28/56  
TO SECURE ADDITIONAL  
COPIES "ONE" FOR POSSIBLE  
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February 10, 1956

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Bureau has received anonymously a copy of the November, 1955, issue of "One" which reflects on the outside cover that it is the Homosexual Magazine. The magazine was sent to the Bureau from New York and was postmarked January 21, 1956. On pages 4 and 5 there appears an article entitled "How Much Do We Know About the Homosexual Male?" by one David L. Freeman. Freeman is described as the Circulation Manager of this magazine. In the article, Freeman divides homosexual society into three main groups, one of which he names as the "Tories." He states that the Tories are employed by "Time" magazine, the "New Yorker" magazine, in the diplomatic service, and that "they occupy key positions with oil companies or the FBI (it's true!)." Mr. Tolson noted, "I think we should take this crowd on and make them 'put up or shut up.'" The Director noted, "I concur."

According to information contained in various issues of "One," it is devoted to dealing primarily with homosexuality and heterosexuality from the scientific and historical point of view. Its stated aims are to promote education and research in the general field of homosexuality.

In view of the slanderous statement in Freeman's article, Los Angeles was instructed by air-tel dated January 27, 1956, to locate [redacted] and to interview him in regard to the charges in his article. Los Angeles was unable to locate [redacted] but in efforts to find him, they determined that one William Lambert was known as the Chairman of the Board of One, Inc. Agents interviewed Lambert, and he was sarcastic, refused to furnish any information regarding [redacted] and advised Agents that "One's" attorney [redacted] of Beverly Hills) approved everything that went into the magazine. Lambert then asked the Agents if they had any objection if the interview with him had been taped. Agents were extremely circumspect in the interview with Lambert and advised they said nothing during the interview which could be interpreted other than as setting forth the Bureau's firm position in this matter. Agents also stated they did not believe the interview was actually recorded.

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Los Angeles has advised that the [redacted] mentioned by Lambert may possibly be identical with one [redacted] Beverly Hills, California.

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Mr. Tolson noted at this point that we should "open an investigation on [ ] and also get a line on Lambert." b7C

II. BUREAU INVESTIGATION OF "ONE" AND ITS AFFILIATES:

"One" magazine is published by One, Inc., 232 South Hill Street, Los Angeles 12, California.

Los Angeles conducted an Internal Security - C investigation concerning The Mattachine Society, also known as the Mattachine Foundation, Inc., and concerning One, Inc., in 1953. The Mattachine Foundation, Inc., caused One, Inc., to be formed for the specific purpose of publishing "One" magazine. The Mattachine Foundation, Inc., was dissolved and the Mattachine Society established. The stated aims of this society were to educate the public to a better understanding of homosexuals and sex variants and to educate homosexuals themselves for their better integration into society.

The investigation was opened in July, 1953, in view of the possibility that this group might be communist infiltrated or controlled. A closing report was submitted by Los Angeles on December 31, 1953, when it was found there was no internal security interest involved. (100-403320)

III. POSSIBILITY OF VIOLATION OF INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER STATUTE:

On February 9 and 10, 1956, the November, 1955, issue of "One" was reviewed by our Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter Desk. They advised that this issue of the magazine is not of a type that has previously been used as evidence for successful prosecution under this statute. In view of this, the question of obscenity of this particular issue should be referred to the Department for its opinion.

IV. MAILABILITY OF "ONE":

Bufiles contain copies of various communications to the postmaster in Los Angeles during 1954 advising that specific issues of "One" should not be refused transmission in the mails. Post Office Department advised that full responsibility rested with the mailer for any violation of law that might be involved. (145-0-119, 175, 190, 230)

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V. IDENTITY OF OFFICIALS OF "ONE":

In addition to [redacted] b7C  
William Lambert, Chairman of the Board of One, Inc., and [redacted]  
the attorney, the inside cover of the November, 1955, issue of  
"One" reflects the following are officials:

Ann <del>Carll</del> Reid	Managing Editor
Lyn Pedersen	Associate Editor - Research
Robert Gregory	Associate Editor - Fiction
Kay Reynard	Associate Editor - Women's Department
Armando Quezon	Associate Editor - International
Donald Webster Cory	Contributing Editor
Eve Elloree	Art Director

A. Information in Bufiles concerning officials:

1.

[redacted]  
[redacted] By air-tel dated February 2, 1956, Los Angeles advised that the indices of that office contained no information identifiable with [redacted] with the exception of reference reflecting that in 1953 he was [redacted] of The Mattachine Foundation, Inc. (100-403320-4, page 15) b7C

2. William Lambert: (Chairman of the Board of One, Inc.) Los Angeles air-tel dated February 2, 1956, reflected that Lambert was not identifiable in Los Angeles files. Based on information known concerning Lambert, he could not be identified in Bufiles.

3. One [redacted] (Identified by Lambert as attorney for "One." Los Angeles advised that this individual may possibly be identical with [redacted] Beverly Hills, California.) Los Angeles air-tel dated February 2, 1956, reflected the following information concerning one [redacted] b7C

In 1948, [redacted] the Students for Wallace Committee during the time he was on the staff of the "Daily Bruin," the newspaper for the University of California at Los Angeles. During the Wallace campaign,

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[redacted] appeared on platforms with numerous Communist Party members. [redacted] wrote editorials for the "Daily Bruin" in which he defended the American Youth for Democracy. He was reported by a fellow student as a suspected member of the American Youth for Democratic Action (probably the American Youth for Democracy). This organization has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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On February 14, 1951, an officer of the Hollywood Division, Los Angeles Police Department, reported that the police had been checking [redacted]

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[redacted] as suspected of taking lewd photographs. This officer, however, reported that nothing specific was developed in the investigation.

[redacted] are [redacted] who are apparently separated. [redacted] was born in [redacted] and in January, 1949, it was reported that a car registered to her had been observed parked in the vicinity of a Communist Party meeting being held on December 18, 1948, at [redacted] Los Angeles. [redacted] who was born in [redacted] was in contact with [redacted] of the Soviet Vice-Consulate in Los Angeles on October 16, 1946. (S)(u)

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4. [redacted] No information could be identified with [redacted] in Bufiles with the exception of her association with "One" [redacted]

5. [redacted] The following information in Bufiles may be identical with [redacted]

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One [redacted] with aliases, [redacted] and [redacted] is the subject of a closed Security Matter - C

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investigation, office of origin Los Angeles. This individual was a member of the Communist Political Association in 1945 and the Communist Party in 1946, 1947 and 1948. In 1948, he was expelled from the Party for being a homosexual.

He was interviewed in February, 1954, by Special Agents at Los Angeles and admitted Communist Party membership, former employment with the "Daily Worker" and the California Labor School in San Francisco. (100-402855) The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast communist newspaper. The California Labor School, San Francisco, has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

6. [redacted] Based on available information known concerning [redacted] he could not be identified in Bufiles. b7C
7. [redacted] Based on available information known concerning [redacted] she could not be identified in Bufiles. b7C
8. [redacted] Based on available information known concerning [redacted] he could not be identified in Bufiles. b7C
9. Donald Webster Cory: (Contributing Editor) In 1953, Cory was a Contributing Editor to "One" magazine. (100-403320-7)

Bufiles also reflect that Donald Webster Cory, also known as Daniel Wesley Cory and Edward Sagarin, is the proprietor of the Cory Book Service at 237 East 56th Street, New York City, New York. He specialized in books by and about homosexuals. He wrote the book "The Homosexual in America" under the name of D. W. Cory. Cory is reportedly himself a homosexual and is said to encourage homosexuality in New York rather than attempting to reduce it. (105-34074-1084)

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In late March or early April, 1952, Cory spoke at a meeting of a group in Washington, D. C. The topic of discussion was homosexuality, and Cory made the statement at this meeting that the Civil Rights Congress in New York was working with Homos Anonymous in New York in assisting former GI and officers in getting honorable discharges and trying to revoke the "tainted blue" discharges. (61-10149-2304)

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

10. [redacted] The only information identifiable with [redacted] in Bufiles is information indicating she was previously [redacted] of "One." (100-403320-7)

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VI. OBSERVATIONS:

We should have Los Angeles open an investigation concerning [redacted] Beverly Hills, California, to determine if he is actually the attorney for "One," and develop any additional derogatory information concerning him. The extent of his association with "One" should also be determined.

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We should have Los Angeles conduct background inquiry concerning Lambert, developing any derogatory information concerning him. Los Angeles should also determine additional background information concerning "One" and One, Inc. This should include information as to how they are financed and whether One, Inc., is registered properly under California law to do business in that state.

Los Angeles should be instructed to attempt to identify [redacted] and, after identifying him, locate him.

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Los Angeles should contact postal authorities concerning the mailability of "One" and obtain any pertinent information the post office may have.

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Los Angeles should be instructed to check their files, confidential sources, informants, concerning the other officials of "One." Los Angeles should also contact the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office concerning these officials.

It is suggested that our Liaison Section check with the Chief Postal Inspector in Washington, D. C., concerning the mailability of "One" and obtain any pertinent information concerning this magazine.

Consideration should be given to referring the November, 1955, issue of "One" to the Department for its opinion concerning the obscenity of this issue.

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SAC, Los Angeles

February 28, 1956

Director, FBI

**"ONE," THE HOMOSEXUAL MAGAZINE**  
**PUBLISHED BY ONE, INC.**  
232 SOUTH HILL STREET  
LOS ANGELES 12, CALIFORNIA  
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

ReBulet dated 2/15/56.

For your information, on 2/16/56 the Chief Post Office Inspector advised that the October, 1955, issue of "One" was reviewed by the Post Office Solicitor, and as a result, a letter was directed to One, Inc., ordering them to show cause why the publication should not be declared nonmailable. One, Inc., filed an injunction and the matter is presently pending in Federal Court, Los Angeles.

You are instructed to determine the exact status in the matter in Federal Court and whether or not [redacted] is attorney for One, Inc., in these proceedings.

Obtain additional copy of the November, 1955, issue of "One" and the December, 1955, the January and February, 1956, issues of "One" and forward to the Bureau. The Bureau is considering referring this publication to the Department for its opinion concerning the possible obscenity of the magazine.

NOTE: Jones to Nichols Memorandum dated 2/10/56 captioned as above recommended that referenced Bulet be sent to Los Angeles instructing that office to conduct certain investigations in connection with "One," One, Inc., and various officials of "One." (100-403320-16)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-403320)

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"ONE," THE HOMOSEXUAL MAGAZINE,  
232 S. Hill Street, Los Angeles, Calif.  
(RESEARCH, CRIME RECORDS)

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Los Angeles Police Dept  
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In accordance with Bureau instructions in referenced airtel 1-27-56, efforts made to locate and interview [redacted] LA indices contain no reference to [redacted] other than those in prior reports submitted to Bureau on "One" magazine under referenced file number. LAPD, LASO, Retail Merchants Credit Association, Voters Register, LAPD Vice Squad and [redacted] (LAPD Anti-Subversive Squad) who has conducted an investigation of the magazine. "One," were unable to furnish any info identifying [redacted] No info leading to his identification obtained from public or telephone directories or through a check of unlisted telephone numbers in the LA area.

On 1-31-56, a pretext interview was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] with the sole occupant of the offices of "One, Inc.," Rm. 326, 232 S. Hill St., LA, in an effort to contact [redacted] or secure info concerning his whereabouts. This person was identified by [redacted] as WILLIAM LAMBERT, who also stated he had no knowledge of [redacted] Upon this interview, LAMBERT stated that he had no info re [redacted] that the employees of the magazine were volunteers; that we would have to write a letter to [redacted] that the identities of the employees of the magazine were confidential and that he was not authorized to disclose any info. He did say that he was

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familiar with [ ] affairs and urged agents to tell him why they wanted to contact [ ]. Agents informed LAMBERT that they were sure that [ ] would consider the matter personal and did not feel that they were at liberty to discuss the matter with anyone other than [ ] and left.

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Further efforts to locate or identify [ ] proved negative. No identifiable record on LAMBERT is maintained by the LA division. [ ]

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In view of the foregoing, LAMBERT was recontacted by SAs [ ] and [ ] on 2-2-56, at the above offices of "One, Inc." These offices were entered by agents at approximately 11:17 AM and the interview lasted approximately eight to ten minutes. Upon entering, agents found LAMBERT standing behind a small desk in the reception room working on some mail. Agent [ ] recalled to LAMBERT that he had been in on the preceding Tuesday inquiring about [ ] and that upon reflection it was now believed that the matter that he wanted to discuss with [ ] was of interest to LAMBERT. Agents then identified themselves, showing their credentials. LAMBERT grabbed the credentials of Agent [ ] and sat down at the desk and started copying his name, whereupon Agent [ ] took the credentials and commented that it was unnecessary to copy everything on them and that he would spell the name of the agent for him, which he did. LAMBERT was then asked whether his name was WILLIAM LAMBERT. In reply, he said, "I might be and I might not." He was asked whether he was the editor of the magazine. LAMBERT replied that he would decline to state. Repeated efforts were made to get LAMBERT to identify himself or acknowledge that he was a responsible official of the magazine. To most of these questions, LAMBERT replied, "You'll have to discuss the matter with our attorney."

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LAMBERT refused to answer questions as to his identity, his position on the magazine or as to the identity or whereabouts

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of [redacted] He was asked who his attorney was and he replied, [redacted] of Beverly Hills." (Possibly identical to [redacted] [redacted] Beverly Hills, Calif.)

LAMBERT's attention was called to the article by FREEMAN in the November 1955 issue of "One" in which he classified one type of homosexual as "TORIES" and stated that this type were to be found in "the FBI (it's true)." LAMBERT appeared immediately familiar with the article, leaving the impression that he had either edited it or had written it himself.

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LAMBERT was then specifically asked whether he had any info that anyone employed by the FBI was a homosexual or a sexual deviate. LAMBERT replied, "Do you have any information that there are none?" and added, "A writer's sources are always confidential." LAMBERT was then told that the FBI would not tolerate any such baseless allegations in this ("One") or any other publication. LAMBERT replied, "That's an interesting statement." and laughed. He then said, "Our attorney has approved everything that goes into the magazine." Agents repeated that such unfounded statements were libelous and slanderous and would not be tolerated. Agents then turned to leave, whereupon LAMBERT said, "By the way, gentlemen, would you have any objection if this interview had been taped?" Agents asked whether the interview had been taped. LAMBERT repeated his question. Agents said they had no objection and left.

It is pointed out that agents were extremely circumspect during this entire interview and nothing was said which could be interpreted other than as setting forth the Bureau's firm position in this matter.

During the interview with LAMBERT, it was noted that he "smirked," smiled and laughed as though he were thoroughly enjoying the situation. When asked whether he thought the matter was "funny," he replied that he did not. LAMBERT acted as though he had anticipated the Bureau contacting him.

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The office of "One, Inc.," consists of one large room with a small anteroom in which the reception desk is located and in which this interview took place. It was noted that the furniture was very shabby and minimal. No recording equipment was observed. Agents do not believe the interview was recorded.

In regard to [redacted] it is noted from LA files that in 1948 [redacted] the Students for Wallace Committee during the time he was on the staff of the "Daily Bruin," newspaper for the University of California at Los Angeles. During the WALLACE campaign, [redacted] appeared on platforms with known Communists such as [redacted] an attorney, [redacted] a trade union leader, [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] wrote editorials for the "Daily Bruin" in which he defended the American Youth for Democracy. He was reported by a fellow student as a suspect member of the American Youth for Democratic Action (probably the American Youth for Democracy) and as a "radical" and a "Red."

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In November 1947 [redacted] appeared as one of the speakers on a program sponsored by the Progressive Citizens of America to discuss the "significance of the Thomas Committee" (HCUA). On 2-14-51, an officer of the Hollywood Division, LAPD, reported that the police had been checking [redacted] [redacted] as suspected of taking lewd photographs; however, the officer reported that nothing specific was developed in this investigation.

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[redacted] are [redacted] who are apparently separated. [redacted] was born in [redacted] and in January 1949 it was reported that a car registered to her had been observed parked in the vicinity of a CP meeting being held on 12-18-48, at [redacted] LA. [redacted] who was born in [redacted] was in contact with [redacted] [redacted] of the Soviet Vice-Consulate in LA on 10-16-46, and told him he would see [redacted] before he [redacted] made a trip to Washington, D. C. It is noted that in June 1946 [redacted] was invited to a home at [redacted] LA, which was said to be occupied by [redacted]

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In view of the foregoing, and in view of LAMBERT's statement that their attorney had approved everything that goes into the magazine, the Bureau's recommendation is solicited as to the advisability of agents contacting [redacted] and telling him to "put up or shut up."

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*cc via Mr. [redacted]*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: March 6, 1956

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FROM : M. A. Jones

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SUBJECT: "ONE," THE HOMOSEXUAL MAGAZINE  
PUBLISHED BY ONE, INC.,  
232 SOUTH HILL STREET  
LOS ANGELES 12, CALIFORNIA

SYNOPSIS

Reference is made to previous memoranda reflecting that captioned magazine alleged in November, 1955, issue that there were homosexuals in "key positions" of FBI. Mr. Tolson noted, "I think we should take this crowd on and make them 'put up or shut up.'" The Director noted, "I concur." Los Angeles Division instructed to conduct investigation concerning background of magazine and officials. [redacted] is attorney for "One;" was given physical discharge (honorable)

[redacted] reported to have been the opening speaker at a Progressive Citizens of America sponsored meeting in Los Angeles area in November, 1947, other speakers being described as communists. [redacted] was listed as Students for Wallace representative when reported to have appeared as speaker at Progressive Citizens of America rally held in the Los Angeles area in March, 1948, other speakers on the program being communist. [redacted] shares office space with Attorney

[redacted] and described as Communist Party (CP) member. No information available connecting [redacted] with basic revolutionary organizations within past five years nor is there evidence of his membership or participation of a significant nature in any front organization within the past three years. William Lambert, President and Business Manager of One, Inc., has furnished little data about himself in his endeavors and inquiry of usual sources revealed little data. One [redacted] said to be [redacted] of One, Inc., has arrest record for "Vagrancy-Lewa." Inquiry of informants and available sources failed to further identify [redacted] and other "One" officials. San Francisco Office presently checking to determine if One, Inc., is properly licensed to conduct business in California. "One" is a monthly magazine with a circulation of about 10,000 at 25 cents per copy and inquiry revealed magazine supported by income from sales and by gifts and donations. [redacted]

Enclosures (2)

cc - Mr. Rosen  
Attention: [redacted]

cc - Liaison Section b7C

CEM: [redacted]

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[redacted] filed affidavit on 2-1-56 in Federal Court as result of refusal by U. S. Post Office, Los Angeles, to transmit through the mails the October, 1954, issue of "One." This action based on decision by the Solicitor, U. S. Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., to the effect that this particular issue contained obscene, lewd, lascivious, indecent, and filthy matter within the meaning of Title 18, U. S. Code Annotated, Section 1461. On 3-2-56, court rendered decision in favor of the Government. Postal officials not reviewing each issue and suspect magazine being mailed through several post offices and postal drops to avoid scrutiny by the Post Office. Investigative Division of opinion other issues of "One" submitted by field are not of type which has previously been used as evidence in successful prosecution under Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter Statute. Domestic Intelligence Division sees no objection to interviewing [redacted] as far as security matter restrictions are concerned.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1) That the copies and originals of the issues of "One" presently available, which include the October, 1954, November, 1955, and December, 1955, issues be forwarded to the Department by attached memorandum for an opinion as to their obscene nature.

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2) That after information received from the Department, consideration be given to having [redacted] interviewed by Bureau Agents to have him "put up or shut up."

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3) That the Los Angeles Office be instructed by air-tel to immediately take the necessary positive investigative steps to develop further information concerning William Lambert and [redacted] as well as other officials of the magazine.

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DETAILSBACKGROUND INFORMATION

In the November, 1955, issue of "One" which is called the Homosexual Magazine, there is a statement that homosexuals occupy key positions with the FBI. Mr. Tolson has noted on prior memoranda, "I think we should take this crowd on and make them 'put up or shut up.'" The Director noted, "I concur." As a result the Los Angeles Division was instructed to conduct background investigation relative to this magazine, its corporation, One, Inc., and the officials of the organization.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON [REDACTED] - See [REDACTED]

By letter dated 2-15-56, Los Angeles Division was instructed to develop information concerning [REDACTED] supposedly the attorney for One, Inc. By letter dated 3-2-56 enclosing the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] entitled [REDACTED] wa., [REDACTED] Security Matter - C," that division advised that [REDACTED] was born in [REDACTED] and that his parents were originally from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] received a physical discharge (honorable) from the U. S. Navy on 2-21-45. Various physical examinations reflected him to [REDACTED]

He has no known criminal record. He was admitted to the California State Bar 1-19-52, has a private practice, and has been attorney for One, Inc., since Autumn, 1953.

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[REDACTED] is reported to have been the opening speaker at a Progressive Citizens of America sponsored meeting in the Los Angeles area in November, 1947. Other speakers being [REDACTED] and Howard Koch. [REDACTED] was described in 1950 by Louis F. Budenz, a former CP functionary, as an active communist. Howard Koch described as one of the 19 "unfriendly" witnesses from Hollywood subpoenaed before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) in 1947.

[REDACTED] was listed as the Students for Wallace representative when he was reported to have appeared as a speaker in a Progressive Citizens of America rally held in the Los Angeles area in March, 1948. Other speakers on this program being [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has been described by witnesses

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before the HCUA as a communist and was similarly described by an informer. [redacted] has been [redacted] of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, and [redacted] was described by Budenz, previously mentioned, as a member of the CP.

The California Committee on Un-American Activities cited the Progressive Citizens of America as a communist front and described the Students for Wallace also as a communist front group, organized by Progressive Citizens of America.

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No information is available connecting [redacted] with a basic revolutionary organization within the past five years nor is there any evidence of his membership or participation of a significant nature in any front organization within the past three years.

[redacted] is indicated as sharing office space with [redacted] attorney, who according to Budenz, has been reported to Budenz through official CP channels as a CP member. [redacted] National Lawyers Guild described by HCUA as foremost legal bulwark of the CP.

BACKGROUND ON WILLIAM LAMBERT AND OTHER ONE, INC. OFFICIALS

Los Angeles Office instructed to obtain information concerning William Lambert who, upon being interviewed by Agents, was sarcastic and refused to identify himself or acknowledge he was an official of "One." Investigation revealed Lambert [redacted]

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[redacted] although other available sources reflect him to be President and Business Manager of One, Inc. No further pertinent information concerning Lambert was discovered.

Investigation revealed that [redacted] of One, Inc., is [redacted] who, as revealed by investigation of this matter in 1953, had an arrest record for "Vagrancy-Lewd."

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Informants and available sources were contacted in an effort to further identify [redacted] and other individuals connected with One, Inc., with negative results.

REGISTRATION FOR BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL BACKGROUND OF ONE, INC.

Inquiry revealed One, Inc., has the principal activity of publishing the national monthly magazine known as "One" described as the Homosexual Magazine which is in the interest of sex deviates.

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MAILABILITY OF "ONE"

In a civil case, One, Inc., plaintiff, vs. Otto K. Olesen, et al, defendant, (U. S. Post Office, Los Angeles), [redacted] filed an affidavit on 2-1-56. This action arose out of the refusal by the U. S. Post Office, Los Angeles, to transmit through the mails the October, 1954, issue of "One" as a result of the decision by the Solicitor, U. S. Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., to the effect that this particular issue contained obscene, lewd, lascivious, indecent and filthy matter within the meaning of Title 18, U. S. Code Annotated, Section 1461. It is noted [redacted] explained delay in filing the affidavit by stating his client had had no funds for litigation costs. On 3-2-56 the court rendered a decision in favor of the Government.

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Postal Inspector, Los Angeles, stated that since the October, 1954, issue of "One" was impounded, One, Inc., has not again requested the issuance of a second class mailing permit nor has the organization brought its entire mail to the Post Office for transmission. It was the Inspector's opinion that the magazine is now being mailed in small quantities at various post office stations in Los Angeles or deposited in various mail boxes throughout the city. The Post Office Department will not demand that future copies of "One" be submitted for review as to its mailability on the basis that such action would constitute a form of censorship.

As a result, any future action that the Post Office Department may take against the magazine will necessarily have to result through the particular issue coming to its attention as an unmailable item. In this instance, the Post Office Department would be in a position to take appropriate action for whatever violation might have occurred.

OPINION OF INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION RE OBSCENE NATURE OF "ONE"

The Los Angeles Office forwarded a Photostatic copy of the October, 1954, issue and an actual copy of the December, 1955, issue of "One." The Investigative Division reviewed these issues and the opinion was given that this material is <sup>not</sup> of a type that has previously been used as evidence for successful prosecution under the Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter Statute.

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DESIRABILITY OF INTERVIEWING [REDACTED]

The Los Angeles Division advised that no interview is being had with [REDACTED] pending the decision of the Bureau concerning desirability of such action. The Domestic Intelligence Division, upon reviewing the Los Angeles report, is of the opinion that there would be no objection to the interviewing of [REDACTED] by Agents from a security standpoint.

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OBSERVATIONS

We should forward the October, 1954, November, and December, 1955, editions of "One" to the Department for an opinion relative to its obscene nature, it being noted that under the statute for which postal authorities are responsible, the Federal Court held that the October, 1954, issue of the magazine was obscene.

Upon receiving information from the Department concerning obscenity of this publication, we should instruct Los Angeles to interview [REDACTED] concerning the slanderous statements about the FBI, it being noted that William Lambert has referred the Bureau to this attorney in a rather haughty and sarcastic manner. [REDACTED] should be told of the Bureau's extreme displeasure and told to "put up or shut up."

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We should instruct the Los Angeles Office to immediately take necessary positive investigative steps to further identify William Lambert and [REDACTED] as well as other officials of [REDACTED] "One" magazine since the investigation to date has failed to develop this information.



Assistant Attorney General  
Warren Olney III

March 12, 1956

Director, FBI

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PUBLISHED BY ONE, INC.,  
232 SOUTH HILL STREET  
LOS ANGELES 12, CALIFORNIA

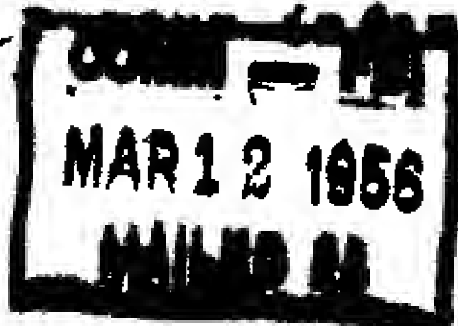
Enclosed are the November and December, 1955, issues of the captioned magazine, as well as a Photostatic reproduction of the October, 1954, issue of this publication. It is noted this magazine is of primary interest to sex deviates.

It is requested that the Department of Justice review these of "One" and that a decision be rendered as to whether they may be obscene insofar as Title 18, Sections 1462 and/or 1465, U. S. Code, is concerned.

For your information, the attorney for One, Inc., filed an appeal on February 1, 1956, in Federal Court, Los Angeles, California, Civil Case 18784 FC, One, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Otto K. Olsen, et al., defendants, (U. S. Post Office, Los Angeles), which action arose out of the refusal by the U. S. Post Office, Los Angeles, to transmit through the mails the October, 1954, issue of "One." The refusal was based on the decision by the Solicitor, U. S. Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., to the effect that this particular issue contained obscene, lewd, lascivious and filthy matter within the meaning of Title 18, Section 1465, U. S. Code Annotated.

Mr. Joseph D. Mullender, Jr., Assistant United States Attorney, Federal Building, Los Angeles, advised that on March 2, 1956, the court rendered a decision in this matter in favor of the Government.

There are also enclosed Photostatic copies of the following information:



Copy of plaintiff's memorandum of points and authorities in support of plaintiff's motion for summary judgment;

Copy of memorandum of points and authorities in support of defendant's motion for summary judgment, and in opposition to plaintiff's motion for summary judgment;

The Federal Judge's order on motions for summary judgment.

It is requested that all of the enclosed items be returned to you upon completion of their review by you.

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Memorandum to Assistant Attorney General  
Warren Olney III

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cc - Mr. Rosen  
Attention:

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NOTE: See Jones to Nichols memo dated 3-6-56, captioned  
"One," The Homosexual Magazine, Published by One, Inc.,  
232 South Hill Street, Los Angeles 12, California,  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-403320)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-45888)

SUBJECT: *ONE*, "THE HOMOSEXUAL MAGAZINE  
PUBLISHED BY *ONE*, INC.  
232 SOUTH HILL STREET  
LOS ANGELES 12, CALIFORNIA  
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

DATE: 3/2/56

ReBulet to Los Angeles 2/28/56. Bulet to Los Angeles 2/15/56, and report of SA [redacted] in the case entitled "The Mattachine Foundation, Inc., IS - C," dated 9/9/53, at Los Angeles, Bufile 100-403320. b7C

Attached are four copies of the report of SA [redacted] in the case entitled [redacted] SM-C, "Los Angeles file 100-53757, dated 3/2/56. This investigation was conducted in connection with this individual.

The following additional information was developed in connection with investigation conducted as the result of instructions contained in referenced Bulet 2/15/56.

Information concerning the incorporation of One, Inc., was set forth in rerep of SA [redacted] b7C

On 2/21/56, an airtel was directed to the San Francisco Office requesting that the file on One, Inc., at the California State Division of Corporations at Sacramento be reviewed in order to determine that this organization is still properly licensed to do business in California. The results of San Francisco's investigation have not as yet been received.



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Mr. JOSEPH D. MULLENDER, JR., Assistant United States Attorney, Federal Building, Los Angeles, advised that he has handled Federal Civil Case 18764TC in connection with an action brought by One, Inc., against OTTO K. OLESON, Postmaster, Los Angeles, et al, as a result of the Post Office's refusal to transmit through the mails the October, 1954, issue of "One." In connection with this litigation, Mr. MULLENDER furnished the following background: On each mailing of "One," a copy is furnished by the Postmaster's Office in Los Angeles to the Solicitor, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., Fraud and ~~Mailable~~ Mailable Division, for determination of the mailable of the particular issue. With respect to the October, 1954, issue, the Solicitor ordered that issue be impounded and not transmitted through the mails on the basis of the Solicitor's opinion that it constituted obscene, lewd, lascivious and filthy matters within the meaning of the provisions of Section 18, USCA 1461. The Solicitor subsequently authorized the local post office to return all copies of that issue to One, Inc., upon receipt of proper written request. As a result, on or about 12/29 or 30/54, all copies of the October, 1954, issue of "One" totalling approximately 600 were returned to that organization. No further action was taken in this matter until 9/16/55 when a complaint for Injunction and Declaratory Release was filed by One, Inc., as plaintiff vs. OTTO K. OLESON, et al, defendants, as a result of the Post Office's refusal to transmit through the mails the October, 1954, issue of "One." The complaint sought a judgment declaring that this issue of "One" was lawful and mailable and that an injunction be issued against OLESON

enjoining him from refusing to dispatch through the mails the October, 1954, issue. A complaint was filed by [redacted] as attorney for plaintiff. The United States Attorney's Office in Los Angeles on 11/14/54, filed an answer to the above complaint. On 1/16/56, [redacted] as attorney for plaintiff made a motion for Summary Judgment in the case and on 2/1/56, filed a Memorandum of Points and Authorities in support of plaintiff's motion. On 2/27/56, the Government filed a Memorandum of Points and Authorities in support of defendants' motion for Summary Judgment and in opposition to plaintiff's motion. Copy of the above memoranda are furnished to the Bureau herewith. Three objectionable phases of the October, 1954, issue of "One" set forth in the Government's memorandum are as follows:

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- "1) The story entitled 'Sappho Remembered' appearing on pp. 12-15. Briefly stated, this story is obscene because lustfully stimulating to the average homosexual reader.
- "2) The poem 'Lord Samuel and Lord Montagu' on pp. 18 and 19. This is obscene because of the filthy words contained in it.
- "3) The advertisement for the Swiss publication 'The Circle' which appears at the top of page 29. This advertisement is, of course, not obscene in and of itself, but it makes 'One' non-mailable because it gives information for obtaining obscene material."

Mr. MULLENDER advised on the morning of 3/2/56, that the court had just rendered a decision in the foregoing matter in favor of the Government. A copy of the court's decision is attached hereto.

Mr. MULLENDER has been in contact with [redacted] both in court and outside of court in connection with the above litigation. He described [redacted] as a rather mild-mannered individual with somewhat effeminate characteristics. [redacted] has appeared frank and open in his dealings with the United States Attorney's Office during conversation and dealings they have had with him in this matter. [redacted] has stated that One, Inc., is in very poor financial condition and that this was the cause for the long delay in bringing this action concerning the Post Office's refusal to transmit the October, 1954, issue.

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He advised MULLENDER that One, Inc., is a non-profit organization and left the impression that its income is depending entirely upon the sales of the magazine "One." Mr. MULLENDER learned during the course of his preparation of the foregoing litigation that One, Inc., had made application to the Post Office Department for a second class mailing permit on 5/5/54. At that time the organization claimed its circulation to be approximately 10,000 copies monthly, broken down as follows:

Individual Subscribers	1200
Agents Subscriptions	800
Distribution to Newsstands	7500
Miscellaneous	340
Total	<u>9840</u>

The Postmaster's Office in connection with One, Inc.'s application made their own separate check, apparently by having a Post Office representative look over the records of One, Inc. Headquarters. Through this check it was determined that the circulation then was broken down as follows:

Individual Subscribers	1092
Agents Subscriptions	656
Single copies sold by publisher	286
Distribution to Newsstands	<u>6944</u>
Total	<u>8978</u>

The foregoing application applied only to circulation which would be included in the application for a second class mailing permit and that, of course, additional copies might well be distributed as first class mail which would not come to the attention of the Post Office.

[redacted] Inspector, Federal Post Office, Los Angeles, advised on 3/1/56, that no further action has been taken by the Post Office in connection with any issue of the magazine "One" pending the outcome of the above litigation.

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On 3/2/56, [redacted] advised that since the time the Post Office Department impounded the October, 1954, issue of "One," One, Inc., has not again requested the issuance

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of a second class mailing permit for subsequent mailings, nor has the organization brought its entire mail to the Post Office for transmission. It was [redacted] opinion that the magazine is now being mailed in small quantities at the various Post Office substations in Los Angeles or through deposit in various mailboxes located throughout the city. He stated that in spite of the Federal Court's decision on 3/2/56, the Post Office Department will not demand that future copies of "One" be submitted for review as to its mailability. This is because of a decision of the Post Office Solicitor given in the past to the effect that any such action would constitute a form of censorship. As a result, any future action that the Post Office Department may have against the magazine will necessarily have to result through a particular issue coming to its attention as an unmailable item. If such eventuality should occur, then, of course, the Post Office Department would be in a position to take appropriate action for whatever violation might have occurred.

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In connection with the individual who operates One, Inc., and who identifies himself as WILLIAM LAMBERT, the following has been developed:

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Investigation reflects that [redacted]

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The California Market Sketch Press is referred to  
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On 2/28/56, photographs were taken of WILLIAM LAMBERT through confidential techniques utilized and the photographs have been identified as the individual who [REDACTED] and who operates the offices of One, Inc. b7D

A neighborhood investigation has developed that two single men recently purchased the property at [REDACTED] Los Angeles, at which location is a small residence dwelling. Spot surveillances have located only one car parked at the residence which is a 1953 Hillman four door sedan, 1956 California license AYH 523 registered to one [REDACTED] b7C

The records of the Title Insurance and Trust Company, Los Angeles, reflect that on 6/30/55, the property at 1717 South Mansfield was transferred from a CECIL ARTHUR DE LANO and PAULINE CLARK DE LANO to a MARION ADDIS CARTER, a single man.

All informants and sources listed in the attached referenced report of SA [REDACTED] have been contacted in an effort to further identify [REDACTED] and the other individuals listed in referenced Bulet with negative results. b7C

Checks of the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles Sheriff's Office, Retail Merchants Credit Association of Los Angeles, and Voter's Registration records developed no information identifiable with these individuals.



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[redacted] in the Intelligence Division of [redacted] the Los Angeles Police Department conducted investigations of One, Inc., and to date developed no information on LAMBERT, [redacted] or members of the staff of One, Inc.

PSIs [redacted] and [redacted] who have a wide acquaintanceship among homosexuals in the Los Angeles area, reported that most individuals who write or work for a magazine such as "One" do so without any remuneration and they, as a consequence and because of the nature of such publication, frequently use fictitious names.

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Consideration is being given to the possibility of reinterviewing [redacted] was. [redacted] Los Angeles file 100-30028, Bufile 100-402855, who may be identical with [redacted] listed in the November, 1955, issue of "One" as [redacted]

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A matter which may be of interest to the Bureau is a letter which was directed by [redacted] Chap. 104" and written on stationery of the Mattachine Society, Los Angeles, P. O. Box 1925, Main Post Office, Los Angeles. The recipient of this letter was [redacted] who is believed to be one [redacted] whose identity is known to this office. A typewritten copy of the original letter [redacted] was furnished to this office by [redacted] This copy bears no date but appears to have been written in either November or December, 1953. A photostatic copy of that typewritten copy is being submitted to the Bureau herewith, directing particular attention to paragraph 9 which makes reference to the fact that [redacted] has requested assistance in connection with his present interviews for his study on "sex and law" and that such assistance was being given him. It is not known whether the [redacted] who signed the letter is identical with [redacted]

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In an interview of a general nature had by this office with [redacted] on 2/29/56, touching on "One" magazine and alluding to the above letter, [redacted] offered no information identifying [redacted] and it appears that he merely wrote a letter to the Mattachine Company and the reply referred to above was received by him. [redacted] also failed to volunteer any information in connection with the matter relating to [redacted] although he was specifically asked what research work he knew of that was being carried on if any.

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On 3/2/56, a pretext telephone inquiry was made at the office of One, Inc., to determine the date of distribution of the next issue of "One." A woman answering the telephone advised that the company is now in the process of making ready for distribution of the January, 1956, issue which should soon be available on newsstands. As soon as a copy is received it will be furnished to the Bureau.

The Los Angeles Office is vigorously pursuing the investigation requested by the Bureau in reflet and the Bureau will be promptly advised of all developments.

ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU:

1. Copy of plaintiff's Memorandum of Points and Authorities in support of plaintiff's motion for Summary Judgment in the case entitled One, Inc., vs. OTTO K. OLESEN, Federal Civil Case 18764-TC.
2. Copy of Memorandum of Points and Authorities in support of defendants motion for Summary Judgment, and in opposition to plaintiff's motion for Summary Judgment in above case.
3. Copy of letter from [redacted] Chan. 104." Mattachine Society, Los Angeles, to [redacted]
4. Photostatic copy of magazine "One" issue of October, 1954.
5. Photostatic copy of magazine "One" issue of November, 1955.
6. Original copy of "One" issue of December, 1955.
7. Copy of Federal Judge's decision in connection with One, Inc., vs. OTTO K. OLESEN.
8. Four copies of the report of SA [redacted] in the case entitled [redacted] SM-C," dated 3/2/56, at Los Angeles.

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Copy of letter from [redacted] Chap. 104, "Mattachine Society, Los Angeles, to [redacted]

Photostatic copy of magazine "One" issue of 10/54. *sent to Dept. of Justice by memo 11-1-55*

Photostatic copy of magazine "One" issue of 11/55. *return*

Orig. copy of "One" issue of 12/55. *sent to Dept. of Justice by memo 11-1-55*

Copy of Federal Judge's decision in connection with One, Inc., vs. OTTO K. OLESEN. *sent to Dept. of Justice by memo 11-1-55*

"ONE," THE HOMOSEXUAL MAGAZINE PUBLISHED  
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RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

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1925 Main Post Office L.A.

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Chapter # 113  
Long Beach Calif.

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Dear [REDACTED]

We are in receipt of your letter dated November 8. We have been in the woe of re-organizing our officers, and we wish to apologize for the delinquent answer to your interesting letter.

b7C [REDACTED] AS [REDACTED] I will try to do my best to describe to you the various interesting aspects of our Research projects which we lately have engaged in.

First to your question about "Lesbian Psychology Study" discussion meeting. It is indeed interesting and I am sorry that you were not able to make it because it was informative and stimulating.

There were thirteen present, six being women. Three of the persons formed a committee, presented the results of their labours, which was a scholarly, and intense Questionnaire especially designed for Lesbians, but which with some slight changes could be used for male homosexuals as well.

The Questionnaire was large and covered about three pages. It contained questions covering almost every field of human behaviour, and took specific detailed account of the persons family-background and psychological aspects in his childhood.

The members and friends present looked it over and accepted it with some small changes. We are now planning a method of distributing these questionnaires in the most effective manner, and it was thought that a group, with some one there to advise on the most difficult questions would be the most effective method.

This is only one small aspect of our many and varied activities and future projects. We are now planning a Bibliographical File which would list articles and books of particular interest to the diviate. We are also compiling a list of physicians, psychiatrists, et al. which would be able to help us and assist in any way possible.

Besides the aforementioned projects which is going to take much time and interest, we have many other ideas, which we hope later will ripen to constructive maturity.

b7C We are getting together with members of the Legal Committee (of Legal Chapter # 103) for the purpose of compiling a list of persons having had personal contact with the Law enforcement agencies [REDACTED] has requested us to do this so that we may be able to help him in this on his present interviews for his study on Sex and Law. We are happy to be able to help him in this manner, and hope that such future collaboration may prove mutually profitable.

We are indeed desirous of contacting other Research Chapters, or Chapters engaged or interested in Research projects, and we hope that a greater degree of inter-relations may be evident in our Chapter activities. We are positive that all of us have different talents which would prove of inspiration and benefit to all of us. We are interested in the Long Beach Chapters remarkable progress, and believe that this alone evidences a admirable degree of interest and responsibility on



the part of its members and officers. We in the research Chapter hope we may be able to contact you, maybe have a mutual meeting sometime, which would combine our forces to a degree, and get acquainted with one another, our peevs and talents.

We have no meetings on Weekends, sometime, because of the gr at degree of the work required we have called special meetings for the Research Committee(1, Research Chapter) so that we may be able to get some-fof the behind-the -scene work done. However as a personal note I might mention that we are planning a series of Break-fast which would be beneficial to all of the Chapters of this area in the South ern Area, to be held and sponsored by the various Chapters of this Area. An attempt at this was made two weeks ago by the Public Relations Chapter, ~~purely-social----~~ and proved to be an unexpected success. At this meeting, besides the purely social as- pects, many members get together and discuss the different activities of the various chapters. This, I believe, is a splendid opportunity for the members of the Society as a whole.

We have three meetings outlined thus far. These will be announced in Newsheet, but for your convenience I will repeat them here.

December 16, 1953 " Legal Research [redacted] Hollywood.

December 30th, 1953 " Breakdown Report of the first General Questionnaire" [redacted] Los Angeles.

January 13, 1954 " Discussion of [redacted] Sexual Behavior of the Human Female."

You are of course cordially invited to these meetings and we hope that you will continue to write us and visit us that we may be enjoy of your knowledge and interest.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]  
/ [redacted] Chapter #104



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-403320)  
FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-53803)  
SUBJECT: "ONE," THE HOMOSEXUAL MAGAZINE  
PUBLISHED BY ONE, INC.  
232 SOUTH HILL STREET  
LOS ANGELES 12, CALIFORNIA  
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

DATE: 3/9/56

Re LA let to Bureau 3/2/56.

Since there appears to be no present organizational connection between One, Inc. and the Mattachine Society, a new case file, as indicated above, has been opened in the Los Angeles Office on One, Inc. For the Bureau's information, the Mattachine Society now has its own publication, which bears the title "The Mattachine Review."

Investigation conducted by this office has developed that WILLIAM LAMBERT, referred to in LA airtel to the Bureau 2/2/56 in this matter and who is variously listed in "One" magazine [redacted]

[redacted] is identical with WILLIAM DORR LEGG, LAPD #237912, FBI #614 452B.

LEGG resides at 1717 South Mansfield Avenue, Los Angeles, which is a small dwelling house currently being purchased by one [redacted] (Negro) under a G.I. Loan. Neighbors state that LEGG and [redacted] reside there together.

"One" magazine is being printed by a firm known as Abbey Lithographers, 228 East Third Street, Los Angeles, which is a small corporation [redacted]

[redacted] During a pretext interview with [redacted] on 3/8/56 [redacted] printed "One" magazine apparently since its inception, and has [redacted] most of the back copies. [redacted] advised that on [redacted] whom he recalls under the name of WILLIAM LAMBERT, about certain items in the

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magazine which he considered might be viewed as obscene and [redacted] was assured [redacted] that everything in the magazine is carefully gone over by the organization's attorney before it is sent [redacted] for printing and that he need have no concern about anything appearing in the magazine.

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[redacted] advised interviewing agents that he was anxious to cooperate with the Bureau in any matter he could and assured agents he would keep the aforementioned contact confidential. He furnished two copies each of the following back issues of "One":

October, 1955  
November, 1955  
December, 1955

These copies are being directed to the Bureau herewith.

The Bureau's attention is called to the photographic copy of the issue of "One" for October, 1954, page 28, furnished to the Bureau with relet. This issue lists the points of distribution of "One" magazine in the U.S. and also at Copenhagen, Denmark. In this connection, the Bureau may desire to consider the possibility of a violation in the event interstate and foreign transportation can be established, under Title 18, USC 1462 and 1465, bearing in mind the decision of Los Angeles Federal Judge THURMOND CLARKE handed down 3/1/56 in connection with the October, 1954, issue of "One." A photostatic copy of that decision was also furnished the Bureau with relet.

The Los Angeles Office has one original copy of the October, 1954, issue and will attempt to secure others, furnishing the Bureau with an original if possible.

Mr. JOSEPH D. MULLENDER, Jr., Assistant U.S. Attorney, Federal Building, Los Angeles, advised that [redacted] attorney for One, Inc., contacted him following the decision of Judge CLARKE mentioned above and advised that he will appeal the Court's ruling on that particular issue of the magazine. This Civil matter will be followed and the Bureau kept advised.

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As indicative of the covert manner in which WILLIAM DORR LEGG has operated, the following is pointed out for the information of the Bureau:

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[REDACTED]

The Post Office Department advises that this box was taken out in the name of W. DORR LEGG, giving no home or business address. Only after insistence by the Post Office Department did LEGG furnish an address. This was 3752 Oakhill Avenue, Los Angeles 32, which is being checked out by this office.

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LEGG still has the above box, which now bears the number 15692.

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When registering to vote in Los Angeles under the name of WILLIAM D. LEGG, 2657 South Dalton Avenue, Los Angeles (a colored section of town in the neighborhood of his present residence), he declared that he had previously registered to vote from "4959 Hollywood," presumably Hollywood Boulevard. The Registrar of Voters was unable to locate any such registration.

The above address was checked out by this office and determined to be the location of a ceramics shop, and not a residence address.

In view of his covert activities, it is possible that LEGG may be wanted by other Bureau offices, or at least be known to other offices. Detroit is, therefore, being requested to advise any pertinent information in their files concerning LEGG, since he indicates his birthplace as Michigan, and LAPD records indicate an arrest for him in Detroit, Michigan, under PD #81425, 1/24/47, probably under the name, WILLIAM LAGG. The Bureau is also requested to advise if LEGG may have been the subject of a direct Bureau investigation by any other offices.

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LEGG was arrested by the LAPD on 5/1/54 on a charge of suspicion of burglary and was released on 5/5/54. This arrest occurred in the "skid row" area of Los Angeles. The LAPD files also indicate that he was apparently arrested in 1949 on a charge of gross indecency and received one year probation, date and place of arrest not set forth.

For the information of the Detroit Office, the November, 1955, issue of "One" magazine contained an article, "How much do we know about the homosexual male?" by DAVID L. FREEMAN, listed in the magazine as its Circulation Manager.

The article reported in part that "The Tories" composed one of the three main groups of homosexual society, and the article continued "They work for TIME magazine or the NEW YORKER. They are in the diplomatic service; they occupy key positions with oil companies or the FBI (it's true!)."

Efforts to identify [redacted] have been unsuccessful to date. It is altogether possible that this may likewise be an alias.

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An FD-9 is being submitted to the Bureau in connection with LEGG.

The following is a composite description of LEGG:

Name:	WILLIAM DORR LEGG, was. William Lambert William Don Legg, William Lagg
Born:	12/15/04, Michigan
Height:	6' (Appears more nearly 5'10")
Weight:	160 lbs. (Appears somewhat lighter)
Hair:	Brown (bald on top)
Eyes:	Brown
Occupation:	Architect (LAPD records); manages One, Inc., Room 326, 232 South Hill Street, Los Angeles; publishers of "One" magazine, which organization was incorporated in California, 5/27/53.
Marital Status:	Formerly married to MARY ALLEN (deceased) in Detroit, Michigan

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Detroit PD No.: 81425  
Social Security No.: 572-42-7575  
Present Address: 1717 South Mansfield Avenue,  
Los Angeles  
Former Addresses: 2703 $\frac{1}{2}$  South Alsace, Los Angeles;  
2657 Dalton, Los Angeles;  
4959 Hollywood Boulevard,  
Los Angeles

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Father: FRANK LEGG  
Mother's Maiden  
Name: DORR  
Brothers:  Ann Arbor, Michigan;  
VICTOR LEGG, Maplewood, New Jersey

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Investigation in connection with One, Inc. and its  
staff is continuing.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-403320)

DATE: March 14, 1956

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-53803)

SUBJECT: "ONE", The Homosexual Magazine,  
Published by One, Incorporated,  
232 South Hill Street,  
Los Angeles 12, California  
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 3/9/56.

As requested by the Bureau, there are being furnished herewith two copies of the January, 1956 issue of "One" Magazine. This issue was just placed on sale at local news stands in Los Angeles and these particular copies were purchased at a stand located at 6th and Hill in downtown Los Angeles. This issue was printed by Abbey Lithographer, 228 East 3rd Street, Los Angeles, which concern is [redacted]

[redacted] has printed all of the issues of "One" since its inception, January, 1953, with the exception of the March, 1953 and February and March, 1954 issues. [redacted] due to the fact that One, Incorporated was in arrears in making payments [redacted]

[redacted] a copy of every issue of "One" with the exception of the above three issues. He stated that 5,000 copies of the current January, 1956 issue were printed, which is the same number of copies [redacted] of each of the issues over the past several months.

The Los Angeles Office is in possession of all of the past issues of "ONE", commencing with the January, 1953 issue, with the exception of two issues which can be secured through a confidential source.

The Bureau is requested to advise if it is desired that copies of these past issues be forwarded for review in connection with the possibility that a violation may be established under the Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matters Statute.

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Rights!*



Thomas Hennings, Jr.



Robert Hutchins

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The front and back of the book “One Homosexual Rights” was scanned in. There are 30 pages that were not scanned in.

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SAC, Los Angeles (100-53803)

March 22, 1956

Director, FBI (100-403320)

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"ONE," THE HOMOSEXUAL MAGAZINE  
PUBLISHED BY ONE, INC.  
232 SOUTH HILL STREET  
LOS ANGELES 12, CALIFORNIA

Re Los Angeles letters to Bureau March 9 and 14, 1956,  
and Los Angeles air-tel to Bureau March 15, 1956.

For your information, the Department of Justice is presently reviewing issues of "One" and for this reason, the Los Angeles Office should hold in abeyance interviews of [redacted] and/or [redacted]

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The Los Angeles Division should forward to the Bureau all available back issues of "One" as it is contemplated they will be furnished to the Department of Justice and/or to the postal authorities for review.

For your future information, Bufiles reflect a case entitled "W. Dorr Legg, wa. Don Legg, Security Matter - G" in which the Portland Office was origin and which reflected that Legg was suspected in 1943 of having Nazi Bund literature in his apartment at Corvallis, Oregon, but the case was closed when no evidence of such literature was found. Investigation revealed Legg had made anti-Jewish and anti-New Deal statements, but had not expressed himself in any subversive manner. Other than this reference, no other facts could be identified with Legg in Bufiles.

For the information of the Portland Office, the November, 1955, issue of "One" magazine contained an article, "How Much Do We Know About The Homosexual Male?" by David L. Freeman, listed in the magazine as its Circulation Manager.

The article reported in part that the "Tories" composed one of the three main groups of homosexual society, and the article continued "They work at Time Magazine or the New Yorker. They are in the diplo-

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Follow-up for April 4, 1956

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SAC, Los Angeles

March 22, 1956

matic service, they occupy key positions with oil companies or the FBI (It's true!)."

Los Angeles Agents endeavored to interview William Lambert, an official of the magazine who was sarcastic and he would furnish no information. The Los Angeles Office subsequently identified Lambert as William Dorr Legg, was. William Don Legg, William Lagg, FBI #614452B.

The Portland Office should refer to its file 100-5922 and thereafter conduct appropriate investigation in a discreet manner to ascertain all available background information concerning Legg.

The Los Angeles and Portland Offices should reply to this communication no later than April 2, 1956, and the Detroit Office should furnish results of investigation requested by Los Angeles letter of March 9, 1956, no later than April 2, 1956.

NOTE See Jones to Nichols memo entitled "'One,' The Homosexual Magazine, published by One, Inc., 232 South Hill Street, Los Angeles 12, California, CEMT dated 3-19-56. ~~CEM meb.~~

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Transmit the following ~~Teletype~~ message to:

FBI, LOS ANGELES (100-53803)

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-403320) 3/15/56

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"ONE," THE HOMOSEXUAL MAGAZINE,  
PUBLISHED BY ONE, INC. AT  
232 SOUTH HILL STREET,  
LOS ANGELES 12, CALIFORNIA  
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

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Interview was had on 3/15/56 by SA's [redacted]  
and [redacted] with [redacted] was. [redacted]  
[redacted] (LA file 100-30028; Bufile 100-402855).  
[redacted] admitted being [redacted] of "One"  
magazine, as listed in its masthead, and [redacted] for  
the publication [redacted]

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[redacted] that all members of the staff of "One"  
have been instructed by the publication's attorney and also by  
WILLIAM LAMBERT (identified in LA let to Bureau 3/9 last as  
WILLIAM DORR LEGG, FBI #614 452 B) who runs the publication,  
that they might be approached by the FBI. LAMBERT pointed out  
to members of the staff that two Agents from the FBI had called  
at the magazine's headquarters concerning the November, 1955,  
issue, which contained a reference to the FBI. All members of  
the staff were told to furnish no information to the Bureau.

During an interview [redacted] which lasted approxi-  
mately 1½ hrs, the names of individuals who have been identified  
by this office through investigation as having some connection  
with the above publication, were gone over one by one with  
[redacted] admitted that [redacted] who served  
as a staff member of the publication, is identical with [redacted]  
[redacted] and wrote the article appearing in the November,  
1955, issue which made reference to the FBI. [redacted]  
advised that [redacted] is an expelled Communist Party member

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and still exhibits much CP thinking, which is reflected in his writings. Because of this fact, coupled with criticism of him by other members of the staff, particularly concerning his above-mentioned article, and also as a result of disagreements with other members of the staff, he resigned from the publication very recently.

[redacted] furnished [redacted] present address as [redacted] Los Angeles, and stated that he is still employed in a furniture store in the City of Vernon, apparently, the Morris Furniture Company, 4433 South Alameda Street, Los Angeles. [redacted] prior to the appearance of the article by [redacted] no discussion took place concerning it in any staff meetings [redacted] but that this was a common practice concerning most articles appearing in the magazine if they met the minimum standards.

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[redacted] following information concerning other members of the staff of "One":

[redacted] no personal information concerning the background of WILLIAM LAMBERT. [redacted] other members of the staff also seem to know little about him and his background is somewhat of a mystery. [redacted] LAMBERT is in charge of "One" magazine and actually runs the organization and this publication.

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[redacted] is a pseudonym used by [redacted] [redacted] described her as strictly "non-political."

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[redacted] is [redacted] pseudonym. He also uses the pen name of [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] are all fictitious names of nonexistent individuals.

DONALD WEBSTER CORY, now deceased, was a writer who resided in New York City.

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[redacted] is a pseudonym used by [redacted]  
[redacted] as strictly non-political, with "absolutely no Communist background."

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[redacted] the staff listed for "One" magazine in its masthead will more or less remain constant even though there may be changes from time to time in the identities of the individuals who work behind the pseudonyms set forth. The names of [redacted] and [redacted] however, will no longer appear in the magazine, according to [redacted]

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San Francisco airtel to LA, 3/2/56, advised that One, Inc. is properly registered with the Office of the Secretary of State, State of California. The organization is also properly listed with the Franchise Tax Division, Franchise Tax Board, Sacramento, California.

The Bureau is requested to advise if an interview with [redacted] mentioned above, should be conducted and, if so, if the Bureau has any additional instructions. It is noted that an attempt to interview [redacted] was made by Agents of this office on 8/20/52, at which time he declined to talk to the Bureau representatives.

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The file on [redacted] in the Los Angeles Office contains no pertinent information not already in the possession of the Bureau.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-403320)

DATE March 28, 1956

FROM : SAC, Detroit (94-300)

SUBJECT

"ONE", THE HOMOSEXUAL  
MAGAZINE PUBLISHED BY ONE,  
INC., 232 SOUTH HILL STREET,  
LOS ANGELES 12, CALIFORNIA  
RESEARCH MATTER (CRIME RECORDS)

In response to Los Angeles letter to the Bureau of March 9, 1956, two copies to Detroit, Detroit was requested to attempt to verify birth records, develop background on LEGG as well as information concerning his arrest records and probation record.

Los Angeles was furnished requested information by airtel from Detroit dated March 26, 1956, a copy of which is attached for the full information of the Bureau.

Records of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor are currently being checked for additional background.

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TO: SAC, Los Angeles (100-53803)

"ONE", THE HOMOSEXUAL MAGAZINE  
PUBLISHED BY ONE, INC., 232  
South Hill Street, Los Angeles  
12, California  
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

Re Los Angeles Airtel 3/15/56.

SA [REDACTED] on 2/22/56 personally reviewed the  
identification record # 81425 of the Detroit PD on  
WILLIAM D. LEGG. b7C

On 1/24/47 at 2:47 a.m. he was arrested by officer [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at the corner of Sibley and Woodward (downtown Detroit)  
for accosting and soliciting in violation of Section 448  
of the Michigan Penal Code. This arrest was dismissed on  
the following day. b7C

This same individual on January 29, 1949 at 1:00 a.m.  
was arrested and charged with gross indecency. LEGG  
and one [REDACTED] colored, age [REDACTED] were both  
arrested when LEGG was observed by police officers performing  
an act of oral perversion on [REDACTED] in an automobile  
parked at the intersection of Bellvedere and Sylvester  
Street, Detroit. Following pleas of guilty both men  
were convicted and sentenced to one year probation on  
5/25/49. b7C

On 2/22/56 SA [REDACTED] personally reviewed the probation file of  
WILLIAM D. LEGG (# 46637). The file reflects WILLIAM D. LEGG,  
born 12/15/04 at Ann Arbor, Mich., classified as a native of  
Ann Arbor, father, FRANK, died in 1947 and his mother,  
FRANCIS died in 1939, brother, VICTOR, age 50, brother,  
[REDACTED] were listed without addresses. LEGG's residence  
was given as Apartment 402 at 11892 Ohio, which was described  
as a five story brick apartment building in a fair and  
stable neighborhood. b7C

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LEGG claims to have been graduated from the University of Michigan as an architect, to have been employed by the New York City Authorities in the office of City Planner and to have taught at Oregon State College until 1944 when he arrived in Detroit. He claims he was self employed as a personnel counselor until his arrest. He never married. He is a member of the Christian Science Church, Detroit. He was described as uncooperative, suspicious with superior intelligence and not psychotic. He was considered as "very arrogant" by the examiners according to the file. The examiners also noted that "his deviated interests are of long standing and not amenable to treatment." He is physically described as white, male, 5' 11½", 170, English nationality, work experience, office work, slender, medium build, brown hair, blue eyes, medium complexion, good teeth.

The file further reflects that Attorney [REDACTED] of 1968 Penobscot Building, Detroit, an attorney representing the Christian Science Church was given permission to review the file by the court. At a later date when the probation was considered concerning the arrest, it was stated that the church authorities were attempting to expell him from membership.

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A photograph from the file of the Detroit Police Department was obtained and is included herewith. Resubmit if review of University of Michigan records desired.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-403320)

DATE March 30, 1956

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (100-53803)

SUBJECT: "ONE," THE HOMOSEXUAL MAGAZINE  
PUBLISHED BY ONE, INC.  
232 SOUTH HILL STREET  
LOS ANGELES 12, CALIFORNIA

In compliance with the request contained in referenced letter, the issues of "One" listed below are being transmitted to the Bureau herewith. For the information of the Bureau, [redacted] advised that he has a substantially complete library of this publication. [redacted] the Abbey Lithographers, 228 East 3rd Street, Los Angeles, which company has printed all issues of "One" since its inception, with the exception of the February and March, 1953, and February, 1954, issues, has at least one original copy of each of the issues of "One" printed by that company. The following are the issues of "One" being sent herewith to the Bureau:

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Vol. 4, No. 1, January, 1956 - Original copy, purchased on newsstand at 6th and Hill Streets, Los Angeles.

There is also attached a copy of the April, 1956, issue of the publication "Fortnight," Vol. 19, No. 4, published by O. D. Keep Associates, Inc., 748 North La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles 46, California. On pages 28 and 29 appears an article captioned "The Nation's Busiest U. S. Attorney," which refers to the United States Attorney's Office in Los Angeles. On page 29 commencing with the last paragraph, column one, there appears a brief

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reference to the Federal action taken against "One" magazine. A copy of this issue of "Fortnight" is attached for the information of the Bureau in view of the above and because of the general comments contained therein, which may be of interest to the Bureau.

The Detroit Office by teletype dated 3/26/56 reported that Identification Record No. 81425 of the Detroit Police Department contains the arrest record of WILLIAM D. LEGG, who operates One, Inc., under the name of WILLIAM LAMBERT. This record reflects that on 1/24/47 LEGG was arrested on a charge of accosting and soliciting in violation of Section 448 of the Michigan Penal Code. This arrest was dismissed on the following day.

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nationality, work experience - office work, slender build, brown hair, blue eyes, medium complexion, good teeth. A photograph furnished by Detroit to Los Angeles reflects the above individual to be identical with WILLIAM D. LEGG, alias William Lambert.